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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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TAGS: APER, AR (HILL, ROBERT C.)

SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR HILL

REF: BUENOS AIRES 0172

FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR HILL

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED MY ARRIVAL PLANS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER AND COUNTRY DIRECTOR ORTIZ AND RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO, SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENTS.

YOU AND MRS. KREBS AND THE GOA PROTOCOL OFFICER MEET US AT THE AIRPORT. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE VIP LOUNGE IF THIS IS CUSTOMARY IN ARGENTINA. THE EMBASSY SHOULD, HOWEVER, INFORM THE PRESS THAT I WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT. FYI. WE ARE DISCUSSING THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING A STATEMENT BASED ON BUENOS AIRES 0290 AND THE EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED OF OUR DECISION IN DUE COURSE.

2. ASIDE FROM ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL NO MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM ARE EXPECTED AT THE AIRPORT. RATHER THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE WITH THEIR WIVES IN THE BALLROOM OF THE RESIDENCE WHERE MRS. HILL AND I CAN MEET THEM ON OUR ARRIVAL THERE. I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE OCCASION BRIEF BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED.

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3. WE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OUR SON GRAHAM(25), TWO SMALL POODLES, ONE LARGE BUT FRIENDLY DOBERMAN AND APPROXIMATELY 300 POUNDS OF BAGGAGE WHICH SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE RESIDENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. UNLESS IT IS DEEMED ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR SECURITY REASONS WE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED TO THE RESIDENCE AS INCONSPICUOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. WE DO NOT WISH TO DISRUPT THE NORMAL FLOW OF TRAFFIC IN ANY WAY AND THE USE OF SIRENS AND A MOTOR CYCLE ESCORT SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED. WE WOULD LIKE TO DEPART THE AIRPORT WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES IF POSSIBLE WITH THE AMBASSADOR, CHARGE AND THE ARGENTINE PROTOCOL OFFICER IN ONE CAR TO BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER CARRYING MRS. HILL AND MRS. KREBS, AND GRAHAM.

5. WE WOULD LIKE TO GREET THE RESIDENCE STAFF ON ARRIVAL ON THE GROUND FLOOR BEFORE GOING UPSTAIRS TO THE BALLROOM.

6. FOR THE FIRST DAYS I WILL WORK IN THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE THE STAFF SHOULD PLAN ACCORDINGLY AND BE PREPARED TO COME TO THE RESIDENCE FOR DISCUSSIONS.

7. AS YOU KNOW AMBASSADOR ORFILA HAS NOT YET PRESENTED CREDENTIALS HERE AND NO SPECIAL EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE EMBASSY TO EXPEDITE PRESENTATION OF MY CREDENTIALS SHOULD BE MADE. THE EMBASSY SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY EFFORT TO PUBLICIZE EITHER ME OR MRS. HILL BEFORE OR AFTER ARRIVAL.

8. OUR ARRIVAL HAS NOT BEEN FIXED YET BUT AS OF NOW WE ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF EARLY IN THE SECOND WEEK IN FEBRUARY. MRS. HILL AND I EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH YOU.
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